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To the Attention of: Ms. Kay Pouley

As was indicated in my telecon with Applicant's Attorney, Ms. Kay Pouley, Reg. 50,607, on August 23, 2004, regarding the use of prior art US 6,335,724, Takekawa et al. in this case, wherein said prior art identifies the Richo Company Ltd. as the Assignee; and the indication that the Richo Company Ltd. is also the Assignee in the case of the instant invention; there is no indication in any of Applicant's submissions that identify the Ricoh Company Ltd. as the Assignee in this case, the common Assignee status needs to be substantiated before the action set forth in the interview summary of November 18, 2002 can take place.



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